

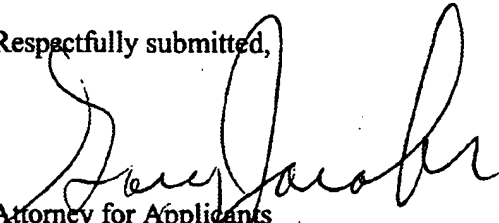
REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-16, and 18-21 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 7, 13, and 20 have been amended.

Consideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

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